

I am appalled that Sinclair Broadcasting is planning to force its local stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary a few days before the election. It is bad enough that a single television station should behave in such a partisan way: it is worse that a large company should dictate that hundreds of stations across the country be used for political purposes.

The public airwaves are just that: PUBLIC, and should remain so. According to the law, Sinclair is obligated to serve the public interest. Sinclair is clearly serving its own interests, hoping that a second Bush term will do away with the few laws that remain to regulate their industry.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. If Sinclair wants to act like propaganda tool, they should not be allowed to exploit our public airwaves.

Thank you.